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"Shineth More and More Unto the Perfect Day."
—Proverbs, 4:18.

By Rev. Albert H. Zimmermann,
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THE twentieth century is as it were the great artist of the ages. It portrays for us a radiant Christ, the bruised vision of the world's assurance. Christ is on the illumined page of the world's workbook scintillating with truth. He is breaking through all superstitions and freeing himself for a work that is the marvel of all ages. Long the Man of Sorrows has been symbol of the ages, perhaps too long has he been radiated as the dying Savior.

The new demands a new emphasis, a living Christ, a radiant, a loving Christ, who awakens mankind to the self-divine by His loving presence. Calvary's night must ever cast its shadow on the human heart, but light from the tomb radiates the dark background of departing night and sends God's true message into our world.

Oh, tellers in home and mart, a radiant Christ is with you! May you see aright. Too long we have forgotten the vital word Christ taught, the only word the world needs to know—Love. Our age remembers what the Christ forgot. He went forward from His cross and anguish to the conquering and conversion of a world.

The radiant Christ is not the martyr Christ. His master passion was the passion of love, light and life. For "now the former things are passed away" and we must, forgetting that which is behind, press forward, seek and find a radiant Christ.

He blazes a new trail for every mortal mind. He makes clear that religion is in being kind. He shows where men once knelt to pray. And so shows us faith's true way. He plants hope where once there ruled only despair.

He comes, gain where once there was only loss. He teaches the world to look within for the salvation of God.

He was the suffering Savior. He is now the loving, saving, radiant Christ. Oh, fellow mortals, let us follow the vision of this greatest of all ages, as it puts before us a present, practical, soul-lifting Christ.

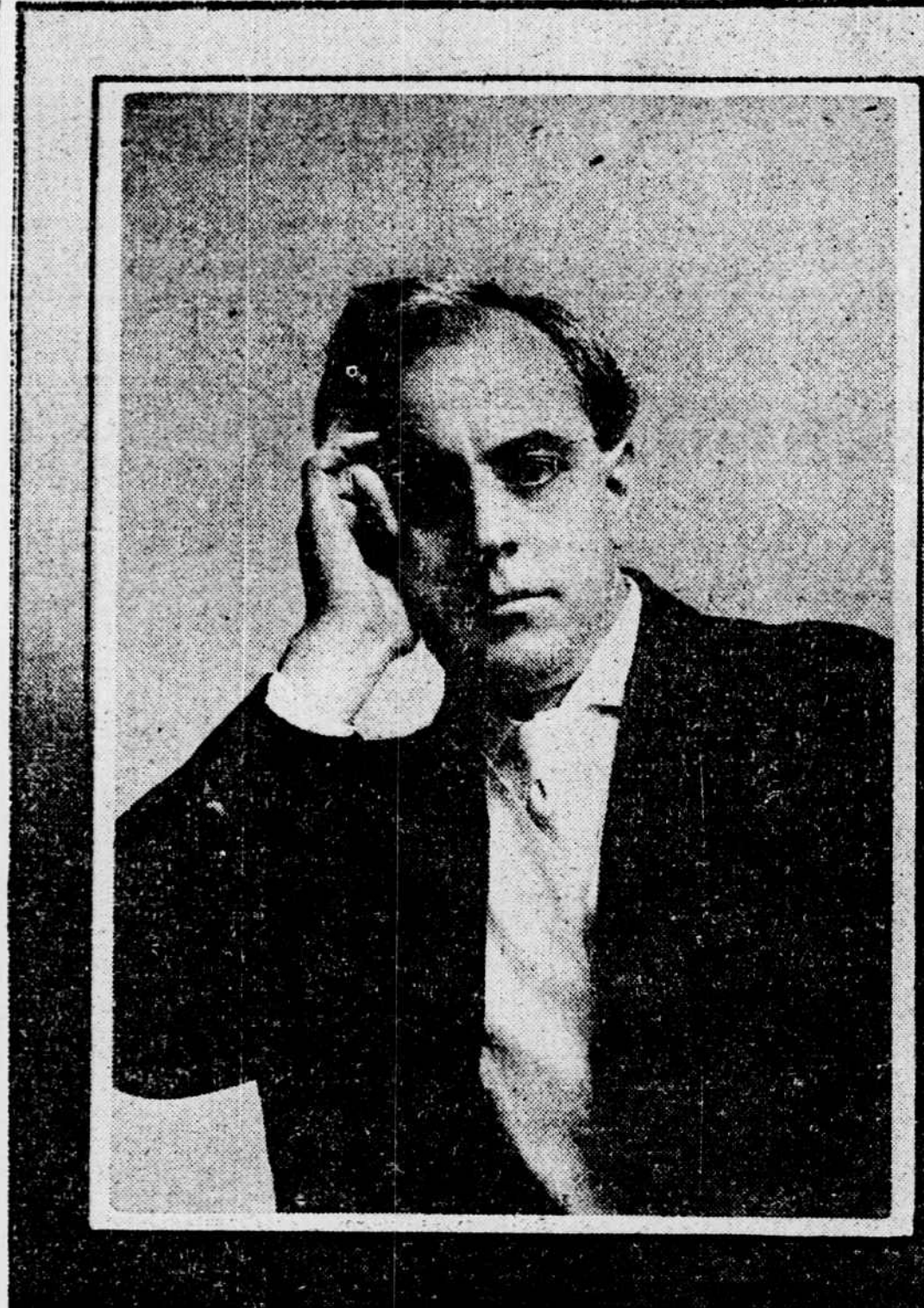


ST. MARK.
One of the statues presented to the Christian Endeavor Society of St. Louis recently by Mrs. H. B. Graham. It is regarded as a masterpiece.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

RUNNING through each month's issue of the official organ of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is appearing, under the caption "Interesting Talks on Church History," four brief paragraphs giving in a concise and plain manner the history of the church. It is recommended by the national council of the organization that these articles, which are from the pen of the Rev. S. R. Colquhoun, dean of St. Mark's Cathedral, Salt Lake City, Utah, be used and discussed at meetings of the chapters, and especially for men's Bible study classes, a number of which are being held under the auspices of the parochial brotherhood organization.

Rev. George W. Atkinson, Jr., chaplain of the Washington Junior Brotherhood Assembly, has returned to the city from a vacation of two weeks spent in the mountains of Pennsylvania.



REV. ALBERT H. ZIMMERMANN.

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. Hugh T. Stevenson.

The Finding of the Book of the Law.

II Chron., 34:14-22.

Golden Text: Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.—Psalm 119:11.

THE success of a great movement frequently turns upon some apparently trivial incident. It was so in the reformation of Josiah that was the subject of our study last week. Amid the rubbish, ruins and relics of the temple, Hilkiah, while preparing to pay off the workmen engaged in the restoration of the temple, found the "Lost Book of the Law." The record of the Second Book of Kings places this discovery before the inauguration of Josiah's reformation. The crusade against all forms of iniquity was properly commenced before the finding of the book of the law, but was not completed until long afterward. Such drastic reforms could not be secured in a day. Reformation is the work of a lifetime. The recovery of God's word gave a spiritual strength to the movement started by Josiah that brought it success. It was a

great day when the faithful priest discovered the word of the Lord. It is a subject of debate among the biblical scholars as to whether the discovery of the book contained the whole of the Pentateuch or not. It certainly contained the essential part, Deuteronomy, and the religious lesson for us would be the same whether the book found was all of the Pentateuch or only a part. In our day, when the copies of the Bible are numbered by the millions, it is difficult for us to place ourselves in the situation that existed when the priest and prophet depended upon oral tradition for the word of the Lord.

Recovery. Books were so few in number that the discovery of the sacred manuscript created a great sensation in the nation. How it was lost we do not know. In all probability the copy recovered was the one that the law required to be placed in the ark of the covenant. It may have been hidden during the persecutions of Manasseh to prevent its destruction, or misplaced in some one of the many nooks and corners of the temple and thus lost for a long period. Corruptions in the statement of the law had occurred in the oral transmission of its teachings from generation to generation. The recovery of the lost copy of the law, therefore, was a recovery of the original text of the Pentateuch. We owe a debt of gratitude to the scholars through whose labors we have recovered the genuine text of the Bible. Not one of these variations affect a single truth or doctrine taught by any of the sacred writers. The essential teachings of the Bible do not depend upon any of the passages that have various readings. It was no mere accident that led Hilkiah to the discovery of the book. The story of the discovery of the book is a story of the recovery of the word of the Lord.

What were they doing when they found this book of Moses? What are we generally doing when we find our richest treasures of spiritual knowledge? How could so important a book have been lost or mislaid? Was this the only one of its kind? Verses 15-19—What effect did the reading of this book of the law have upon the king? What part of the book would be likely to produce such grief on the part of the king? (See Deut., 28.)

What part of this book of the law which pertains to morals is considered operative and binding today? You will observe that there are many death penalties for breaches of the moral law. Why have these been abolished by Christian people? Did Jesus abolish any of the laws of Moses, and if so which? (See Matt., 23:2-5.) Verses 20-24—When a man repeats of his sin does God always forgive him and remit the penalty, or are there exceptions? Verses 25-28—The entire nation seems to have repented at this time; did that keep them from being destroyed, and would it have prevented the final overthrow of the nation if they had not backslidden again? This incident shows how much influence one man has who is thoroughly aroused. What practical lesson may we learn from it?

Epworth League Topic

By REV. SAMUEL W. GRAFFLIN.

"An Upward Way."

Scripture Basis: II Peter, 1:5-8; Hebrews, 6:1.

OUR thought for the month of July has been "Our Faith in the Lord," and most of the Scripture references have been given to show the value of adverse circumstances, when used as stepping stones to patience, persistence and virtue. God being our helper. Our souls have grown strong during the month, as we have come to realize the power of God's sustaining grace in trial or loss. We have come to see that "The abundance of a man's life consisteth not in the things which he possesseth," but in the worthy character which he develops out of his life current, be it pleasant or otherwise. Not what touches us, but what makes us better, is the thing worth while.

Two Scriptures lie before us. The first, II Peter, 1:5-8, might safely be called "The great problem in addition"; for we are admonished to add, and to add again, to those spiritual graces which we may have acquired through faith in and obedience to the promises and precepts of "Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

The II Hebrews, 6:1, points the way to perfection, by calling us away from the earlier lessons of our Christian experience, to go on toward that goal which must ever lie before the follower of Jesus Christ, namely, the "Perfect love" that "Casteth out fear," and which leads us onward and upward "Toward the goal, unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Out of the topic and these texts arise three thoughts. First, The upward tendency of all true spiritual life. One of the world's great naturalists has said that "The tendency of all life is upward and upward," and this is singularly true of the spiritual life. Of little value to God or man is the Christian whose life does not rise in value, power and usefulness. Of such Mr. Moody said: "They are like wasps, biggest when born," and who does not remember the time-worn classic of our school days:

"Heaven is not reached at a single bound; We build the ladder by which we rise From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies. And mount to its summit road by road."

All life that is born of God tends toward God, growing more like Him, day by day.

The second thought in these Scriptures is: The Christian ideal. It was Karl Schurz who said, "Ideals are like stars; not to be reached, but to guide the mariner upon the sea of life, to the best possible earthly harbor." Thus the Christian ideal is Christ; the Christian ambition, to be like Him. With Him before us and the imitation of Him as our great objective, each day will see us more like Him.

Third, there is the call to "Press on to perfection." Perfection in the Christian life is not an attainment, but a goal. Were it an attainment, we would not be told to "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We would not hear Peter telling us to "Add to our faith virtue, and so on, until he places the capstone, not God's, but where Jesus placed it; namely, on "Charity or love." Perfection as Paul used it meant "fullgrown," not born large. Thus the perfection toward which we grow consists in perfect love, for God, for Christ and for our fellow men, and in this we may continue, through time and eternity.

Notes. Several of the local leaguers will participate on the program for Epworth League day at Emory Grove, just outside of Baltimore, August 10. Edgar Cordell Powers of Brookland will be in charge of the 11 o'clock service, while Mr. Louis P. Hieston will hold a "Model Epworth League" service at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Omohundro are taking a short vacation trip to Solomons, Md. Mr. Omohundro as president of the Epworth League will be observed at Washington Grove August 8.

Spurred on by the threatened danger, Josiah summons the people to Jerusalem. Here they join hands in the prophetic prayer for the restoration of the law, when it was read to them. They united to obey the forgotten laws which were recorded in the recently discovered book. The establishment of the law in the temple and the complete destruction of all idolatry and illegitimate Jehovah-worship, the offering of sacrifices and the observance of the great pass-over ever held under a Jewish king. Green in his "History of the English People" traces the results that followed the reading of the Bible by the people of the kingdom of Israel. The translation of the King James version.

The marvelous influence of this popular translation of the Bible has been the greatest event in modern times. It molded the speech, inspired the literature, and shaped the social and political life of the English-speaking people. It is the most catholic work of our age, and it has been the most direct type of religious conviction have directly or indirectly influenced its translation. The reading of the Bible by the people of the kingdom of Israel. The translation of the King James version.

Reading. Paton tells us when an aborigine chief came to him when he had completed the translation of the Bible into the native speech and demanded that the missionaries make the book talk. Dr. Paton read it to him and the chief wept. The Bible has a unique power that all men who listen to its message and a personal one that reaches the soul. Josiah, when he heard the words of the law read his place of secret prayer to join the congregation in the worship of God will surely receive a blessing in the service. The truth of the law entered into the heart of the king and gave him a strong desire to bring not only his own life but that of his nation into line with the requirements of God. In this emergency Huldah the prophetess was summoned into council to the words of Moses—But Josiah, because of his tenderness of heart, his pity and penitence, could pass away in peace before the final judgment descended upon the nation.

Archbishop Prendergast



WHO SUCCEEDED THE LATE ARCHBISHOP RYAN AS ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA DURING THE WEEK.

Pastor and People

Pastor Asks Question

ARE there any sensational preachers in Washington? will be discussed by Rev. E. Hez. Swen, pastor of the Epworth League, at the church service at 11 o'clock, Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Thomas G. Smith, pastor, will be the celebrant of solemn high mass, assisted by clergy of the Catholic University. There will be a sermon at the mass, which will be followed by benediction of the blessed sacrament.

The solemn celebration of the feast of St. Ann will take place at St. Ann's Church, Wisconsin avenue, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Thomas G. Smith, pastor, will be the celebrant of solemn high mass, assisted by clergy of the Catholic University. There will be a sermon at the mass, which will be followed by benediction of the blessed sacrament.

Pastor John E. Briggs will preach at the Fifth Baptist Church both morning and evening tomorrow. Monday he begins his annual vacation. He will spend the first of August in North Carolina and Virginia, and supply the church. The latter half of the month he will make his headquarters at Chautauque Lake, N. Y.

The pulpit of the Fifth Baptist Church will be supplied by Rev. Dr. J. K. G. Douglas, retiring pastor of the Lutheran Place Memorial Church, and Mrs. Douglas in the parlors of the church last evening. The occasion was under the auspices of the young people's society of the congregation, and the members of the church and the neighbors were present.

A farewell reception was given Rev. Lloyd C. Douglas, retiring pastor of the Lutheran Place Memorial Church, and Mrs. Douglas in the parlors of the church last evening. The occasion was under the auspices of the young people's society of the congregation, and the members of the church and the neighbors were present.

During the course of the evening William H. Finckel, in behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. Douglas with a silver-mounted leather traveling bag. Later the clergyman made an appropriate response. He will shortly take up his work as the representative of the international Y. M. C. A. at the University of Illinois. Rev. Mr. Douglas has been a local pastor for two years, having succeeded the late Rev. Dr. G. Edgar.

Rev. Dr. W. R. Lowell of the Troy reading of the word of the law under Josiah saved for a short time the temple and city. The nation heard the law read by the king, and the king was the chief ground of his ideal. With His people, the love of God as the ground of their service toward Him, the spiritual character and free choice of that service were urged upon the nation with all the force of the truth. The recovery of this truth virtually caused the rebirth of the nation. When, as the Psalmist said, "I might not sin against thee," we are called upon to be doers of the word and not hearers only.

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Epworth Leaguers to Rally at Washington Grove August 8

THE Baltimore Epworth League conference, of which H. S. Omohundro of this city is president, plans to make August 8 a rally day at Washington Grove. Leaguers from all parts of the conference are expected to attend and make the date notable in the work of the organization. The officers of the body, together with Rev. Dr. John W. R. Sunwalt, district superintendent of the Washington Methodist Episcopal churches, are now arranging the details of the services.

At 10 o'clock Rev. Dr. Rudolph of Baltimore will have charge of a special service, and an hour later Rev. H. S. France, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church of this city, will preach the sermon of the occasion.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock Rev. Samuel W. Grafflin, pastor of the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church, will preach, and following this meeting, at 4:30 o'clock, the junior members of the Epworth League will gather for their service. Mrs. Rudolph will be in charge. The 7 o'clock service will mark the close of the meetings of the day. Louis P. Hieston, president of the Washington District Epworth League, will be the speaker.



REV. DR. JOHN W. R. SUNWALT.



Rain.

By Elizabeth Roberts MacDonald.

A LONELY rain on lonely crowds is falling, And skies are pallid gray— But listen, oh my heart! A rain bird's calling, Unnumbered miles away.

Somewhere the scents of wild rose, currant, clover, A sweet rain steals and blends And waits these weary leagues of distance over, Like thoughts from faithful friends.

Somewhere the fields, to brighter emerald waking, The magic draft proclaim: And poets find their dreams, refreshed, outbreathing In sudden song like flame.

So—I forgive you, Rain, your city manners, Your dull, indifferent air; I know the woods unfurl their flowery banners Because of you—somewhere.



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chins and Lahu, the hill tribes, are what are called "spirit appeasers." A few of these people have some remarkable traditions which make them the more ready to accept Christianity. A rich harvest has already been reaped among these people, many of whom have eagerly accepted Christ.

Among the Burmans, who have always been the ruling race and will not listen to the lesser people. Out of a population of 8,000,000 Burmans only about 3,000 have become Christians.

We are apt to think of these far countries as wild and uncivilized. The recent times when we see the moving pictures and discover cities with the buildings and modern improvements our eyes have never seen before. We find it hard to associate heathenism with street cars and paved streets.

The population of Burma, a beautiful country, in front of the mission work, is about 8,000,000. There is held an open-air meeting, and there great companies of people gather. The Christians are started up to work, to invite heathen friends to the meetings and to distribute literature. Many through these meetings are led to Christ.

In the jungle work the methods used are much the same. Sometimes there will be but a few gathered, from thirty to forty, but nearly always from one to 200 will listen eagerly to the talk by the different missionaries, and then will ask questions. Sometimes such a meeting will last two hours or more, so eager are the people. There was great enthusiasm in a missionary association where there were over 200 in attendance. The collection for missions amounted to \$40. One man gave all he had and was expected to walk fifty miles back home, until some Christians discovered his intention and helped him out. We forget when we are in our own country that there are such meetings held in Burma that the enthusiastic gatherings of these people mean much more than in our land, where there is cheap and easy. Most of these delegates have to walk most of the way over rough country and forcing what would be to us impassable streams, yet they come, and eagerly.

Among the Karens surnames are rare, though some are adopting them. Buma, a native teacher, signed his name to a letter, and he signed it Buma. He explained that he had been ill and not expecting to live, and, having recovered, he wished his many friends to know that he was still alive. "Blesie" stood to him for "blessing."

In one town in Burma there is a caste system, and the official is a Brahmin, which is made occasions of meetings for the Brahmins to come to the town, accompanied by the beating of the tom-toms and the playing of cards and dice. The Brahmins are sent for to a funeral, after nattering of the tea and cake, about half-past ten o'clock the great hindrance to work in India. Nevertheless the people of India are a thoughtful people. The missionaries have been able to reach and convince many of them of the truth of the gospel. In one town a caste man sent for the missionary to come to him and told him that he was a sinner and needed a Savior. After they had talked for some time together and the missionary was about to leave, the man said, "Oh, tell me the story, again, lest I forget."